

COLEOPTERA CATALOG

The first of 119 parts of a computerized catalog of the Coleoptera of America north of Mexico was published in November, 1978, in USDA Agricultural Handbook 529-47. Francisco Pacheco is the author of this fascicle, the Heteroceridae.

The catalog is a product of a cooperative project between the Systematic Entomology Laboratory, IIBIII, USDA, the Communications and Data Services Division, USDA, and more than 60 taxonomists who have volunteered to contribute the primary information for each of the fascicles.

The catalog provides the currently accepted names and synonyms of beetles occurring in the area; references to the original descriptions of all taxa; geographical distribution, host data, subsequent bibliographic references, type-locality and deposition of type-specimen, and original genus for specific names; type-species and method of designation, and subsequent references for generic names. Each family, or in some cases subfamily, will be published as a separate fascicle with appropriate bibliography and index.

The Platypodidae and the Cupesidae are in press, and 13 additional families are being processed.

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